

In the Claims

Claims 9, 10, 12, 15, 20, and 27 have been amended to read as follows:

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D₁ 9. (Three Times Amended) The medical device support of claim 1, wherein the lock member, when in the second position, allows movement of the second member relative to the first member in the second direction.

D₂ 10. (Twice Amended) A medical device support assembly configured to support a medical device thereon, the medical device support assembly comprising a base pole, an adjustment pole configured to support the medical device thereon, a lock member coupling the adjustment pole to the base pole, and a release including an adjustment pole-receiving bore therein, the lock member being moveable between a first position permitting movement of the adjustment pole relative to the base pole to permit shortening and lengthening the support assembly and a second position preventing shortening of the support assembly and permitting lengthening of the support assembly, the lock member being substantially flat to define a plane.

D₃ 12. (Three Times Amended) The medical device support assembly of claim 10, wherein a force exerted on the adjustment pole in a second direction urges the lock member to the first position.

D₄ 15. (Amended) The medical device support assembly of claim 10, wherein the release is coupled to the lock member and is movable between first and second positions, the release, when in the first position, positions the lock member in the first position and the release, when in the second position, positions the lock member in the second position.

D₅ 20. (Twice Amended) A medical device support assembly configured to support a medical device thereon, the medical device support assembly comprising a base pole, an adjustment pole configured to support the medical device thereon, the adjustment pole having a longitudinal axis, and a housing configured to couple the adjustment pole to the base pole, the housing including a lock member and a release, the lock member configured to move between first and second positions, the lock member being configured to permit movement of

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the adjustment pole relative to the base pole with the lock member in the first position, the lock member being configured to block movement of the adjustment pole relative to the base pole with the lock member in the second position, the release providing a wall of the housing.

27. (Three Times Amended) A medical device support assembly configured to support a medical device thereon, the medical device support assembly comprising

a base pole,

an adjustment pole configured to move relative to the base pole, the adjustment pole having a longitudinal axis,

76 a lock member positioned to block relative movement of the adjustment pole and the base pole, and

a housing sized to receive the lock member, the lock member being hingedly coupled to the housing, the lock member being configured to pivot about a pivot axis between a first position permitting the relative movement and a second position blocking the relative movement, the pivot axis deviating from the longitudinal axis of the adjustment pole, the housing including a groove defined in a wall of the housing, the groove sized to receive an end of the lock member.

Please cancel claims 22-23, 45-46, and 50-52.

REMARKS

Claim Objections

Claim 27 and dependent claim 53 was objected to for being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. Claim 27 has been amended to clear up this objection. Both of claims 27 and 53 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Such allowance is respectfully requested.

Prior Art Rejections

A. U.S. Patent 3,588,023

Claims 9-24 and 38 – 52 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,588,023 to Cohen (hereinafter “Cohen”). Cohen relates to a Vertically